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PARIS WARNS GERMANS

Devastation of Territory Will
Be Avenged, Tentons
Are Told.

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LONDON, Oct. 4.—Reprisal on the Germans for wanton destruction of French and German towns, Lord Robert Cecil told THE SUN correspondent this afternoon, is always a dangerous policy.

"We have learned by experience," he said, "that it is unwise to utter threats which the enemy believes us incapable of carrying out. We made that mistake in the past, and as a result the Germans became skeptical and we were forced to change now, although any threat we might make would have to be completely worded."

There can be little doubt the Germans will claim they had the right to destroy churches and other public buildings on the ground they might be used as military positions. This of course is unjustifiable, as most churches in Belgium are low and without steeples.

"Regarding the evacuation of the last of the straggled towns, this is a distinct violation of international law. Probably the Germans will attempt to justify the procedure on the ground that the work was the people to insure their personal safety. Germany, in as many words, has already threatened: If you persist in driving us out of France we will leave it a desert."

PARIS, Oct. 4.—The French Government has issued a solemn warning to

The warning says the German people who share in the crimes will bear the consequences with the authors and those who order the devastation will be

It is added that France is now discussing with her allies the steps to be taken.

PRETENDS PLANE IS DEAD; ELUDES FOLLOWS

N. Y. Flier Lands in Germany; Lines; Escapes.

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE NORTH of VERDUN, Oct. 4.—With his airplane riddled by machine gun bullets and felled high by German machine gun fire, a German aviator, according to reports, pretended to be out of commission and landed within the German lines. After hurriedly repairing his damaged machine he ascended and returned to his own lines, successfully evading the astonished Germans on the ground and in the air.

Haight was in a group of airplanes protecting American observers beyond the German lines. He was shot by

the Germans and thirteen machine gun bullets penetrated various parts of his plane, three of them striking the propeller. The Germans circled around him to prevent him from reaching his own base. Haight descended quickly and landed in a field. The German plane appeared

took it for granted that he was out of commission and left his capture to the men on the ground.

One bullet had severed a battery wire in Haglit's machine. This was quickly repaired, and before the German soldiers could reach him he had ascended and was making for the American line. The German airplanes pursued him, but were not quick enough.

Aviator Rollins Meyer, Oakland, Cal., shot down a German airplane yesterday near Very in a spectacular fight. Although his own motor was working badly he attacked the enemy machine and riddled it with machine gun bullets, forcing it to land. His own machine came down immediately afterward and the German, whose officers surrendered to Meyer. Carrying the machine guns, the German plane was a souvenir. Meyer brought his prisoners in on foot.

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